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Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste Branch

SUBJECT: Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Project Management

Mr. Kent D. Johnson Bureau of Hazardous Waste Facilities New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 50 Woif Road Albany, New York 12233-7252

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is in response to your October 7, 1998 letter that identified your concerns related to the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) project. As you are aware, the LOOW project is being executed under the authority of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS).

We have assigned Mr. Alan Warminski as the Baltimore District design team leader for this DERP-FUDS project. Mr. Warminski has been an active member of the LOOW technical team for many years. It is noted that Mr. Warminski also serves on the technical team working on an adjacent project that is located at the Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS). The NFSS project is being executed under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program. We believe the corporate decision to have Mr. Warminski technically involved with both these important projects is in the best interest of the public, $t_{\rm he}$ stakeholders, and the Corps of Engineers.

You should be aware of the roles and responsibilities of the various Corps of Engineer District Offices on both of these projects. Baltimore District is a military Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste design center for the Army Corps of Engineers. As such, we enhance Corps of Engineers technical capabilities to insure that the we have the best team in place to support the Army and the nation in providing remedies that afford protection to human health and the environment.

The Buffalo District is a civil works Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste design center and also has the Project Management responsibilities for both the LOOW site and the NFSS site. Buffalo District leads the team to insure that stated objectives are met within available funding and the project schedule is on time. Buffalo District serves as the single point of contact regarding any questions, concerns, and/or issues that may arise during the life of the project. The Corps of Engineers is proud that our districts work together, seamlessly, and in harmony.

I want to personally assure you that the Corps of Engineers is committed to these projects. If you ever question the technical quality of our work, please feel free to contact me directly at 410-962-2207.

If you have any questions and concerns regarding the LOOW project, please feel free to directly contact the Project Manager who is Mr. Raymond Pilon at 716-879-4146.

Sincerely,

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